



YORK COUNTY Criminal Justice Advisory Board

DUI Data Sheet

Solving our DUI Problem

one piece at a time ...



DUI in York

Prior to the changes described in this sheet, in any given year, DUIs accounted for about:

- * **7% of inmates** in County Prison
- * **20% of the Public Defender's caseload**
- * **15-20% of the victims** contacted by the DA's Victim/Witness Unit
- * **35% of probationers and parolees**
- * **65% of those in the DA's Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition (ARD) program**



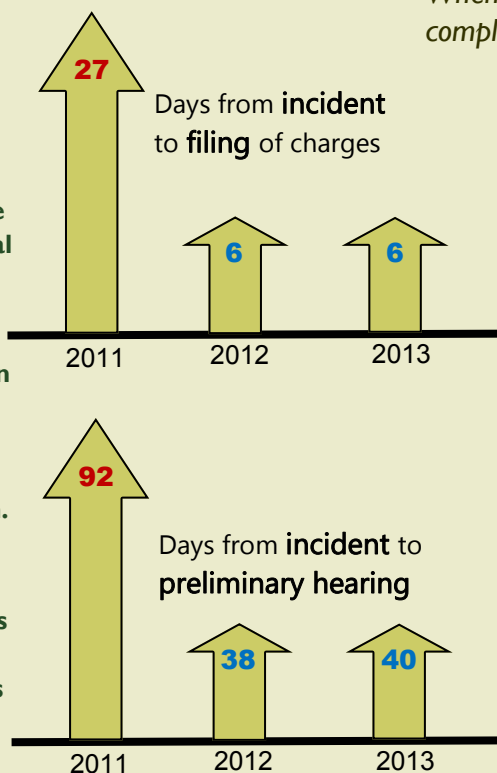
In 2012, DUIs accounted for **one third** of the cases filed in the Court of Common Pleas. That's about **3,000** cases!

CASE PROCESSING

A critical part of the County's DUI puzzle is streamlining case processing, which reduces the time period between the DUI incident, the filing of charges, the preliminary hearing date, and final disposition.

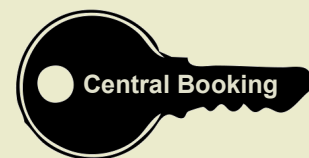
Cutting wait times means that people are evaluated for addiction quickly and get into treatment as soon as possible. They spend less time on bail, where it can be tempting to drink and drive again.

These changes, paired with the supervised bail program known as Target 25, have comprehensively reworked how York County DUIs are dealt with post-arrest.



When someone is arrested for DUI, a complex and often lengthy process begins.

EVERYONE benefits if this process moves as quickly as possible, while maintaining due process.



- ⇒ Blood for testing can be drawn at Central Booking instead of a local hospital, allowing police to return to patrol much more quickly.
- ⇒ Blood draws are videotaped, which limits the need for officers to return to court to testify.
- ⇒ County Sheriff personnel determine Target 25 status at time of booking, allowing the supervised bail process to begin quickly.



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TARGET 25

Prior to this 2012 initiative, about a quarter of York's DUI offenders were committing additional DUIs while out on bail for the original offense.

Target 25, which is aimed at that 25% of offenders, is a supervised bail program that has already made big contributions to public safety in York County.

Under Target 25, DUI arrestees who have a prior DUI conviction within 10 years are placed on supervised bail that includes alcohol monitoring. On average, an ankle bracelet is in place 6-7 days after arrest.

"Our experience with 24/7 alcohol monitoring is that the individuals on the monitor stay sober over 99 percent of the time. The sober days greatly aid in our efforts to treat their alcohol addiction. That's important, because treatment is really the answer to stopping repeat drunk drivers."

*- the Honorable John S. Kennedy, Court of Common Pleas
Criminal Bench*

Better Outcomes, Increased Public Safety

DUIs by those on bail from an initial DUI dropped by **88%** after Target 25 was implemented!

73% of those in Target 25 voluntarily remained in treatment programs after their bail conditions were discharged.

DUI victims served by the District Attorney's Office dropped from 15-20% of all victims to **6% of all victims** after implementation.

Offenders in the Target 25 supervised bail program have a **95% court appearance rate**.

93% of those in Target 25 had no re-arrests for DUI while in Target 25.

82% of those in Target 25 had no re-arrests, infractions, bail revocations, or failures to appear in court.

DUI TREATMENT COURT

Reducing Recidivism

Our DUI Court was formally established in 2010. Since then, 91 clients have graduated and only 8 have received criminal charges after graduation, which gives the program a very low **11% recidivism rate**.

Benefitting Participants and the Community

85% of treatment court participants graduate from the program.

94% of DUI Court graduates are employed at graduation.

50% of clients who did not have visitation rights when they started DUI Court had visitation by the time they graduated.

63% of graduates who did not have a driver's license at program admission regained their license by program exit.

DUI Court graduates have completed about **3,300 hours** of community service as part of their treatment plans.



Reducing Costs

In 2013, the 38 DUI Court graduates that year *could* have been incarcerated a total of **8,880 days** under typical sentencing standards.

Subtracting the cost of treatment from the potential cost of incarceration, the DUI Court saved taxpayers nearly **\$320,000** in one year alone.

What's next for York?

DUI Court Cost-Benefit Analysis

The York County CJAB is conducting a cost-benefit analysis of the DUI Court in order to show the effectiveness of the program. A CJAB subcommittee is collecting data on treatment court graduates and a control group. When data collection is complete we will have a good measure of how much treatment court reduces recidivism and will be able to provide a solid estimate of the program's long-term cost savings.

Drug DUIs

York County has the highest number of drug DUIs in the State. But this is because we look for them! Our DUI drug-testing protocols are some of the most stringent in the nation, and we have a number of law enforcement officers trained in recognizing the signs of driving under the influence of drugs other than alcohol. There is also a portion of the Target 25 population that turns to drug use in lieu of drinking to circumvent alcohol monitoring. One of CJAB's next tasks will be to identify and implement strategies to deal with these realities.

Step-down Treatment Program

The York County CJAB has interest in investigating a step-down treatment option for DUI clientele, as a way to better meet treatment needs.

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